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SUBJECT: TORRES STRAIT: POST-MARINE NOTICE CHOREOGRAPHY

REF: A. A) CANBERRA 404 B) 08 CANBERRA 1243 C) 08 CANBERRA 995
[1](#)B. D) 08 STATE 111975 E) 08 CANBERRA 1185 F) 08 STATE 125151

Classified By: EAP A/S Glyn T. Davies, Acting
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Post is requested to convey U.S. appreciation for Australia's rapid response to U.S. concerns about the recently released Marine Notice; Australia's quick action has assuaged U.S. concerns. Please also convey the United States' continued commitment to the agreement outlined in the Frelick-McCarthy exchange of letters (Reftels C-F).

[1](#)2. (C) U.S. officials agree on the value of a bilateral interagency conference call to coordinate the choreography of this issue (Refs A and B). Post is requested to ascertain three or four possible windows during which Australian officials could participate in such a call and forward such information to OES/OPA Greg O'Brien and EAP/ANP Aleisha Woodward.

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